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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7041**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1195

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Death Certificates.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Forestal

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill specifies that a local health officer may provide to only certain listed individuals a certificate of death that includes the cause of death.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

*Additional Information:* The bill specifies that a local health officer can provide a death certificate that includes the cause of death only to the deceased's parent, legal guardian, spouse, or child, and a grandparent or sibling if none of the previous family members are alive.

Under current law, a local health officer can provide a death certificate that includes the cause of death to an applicant that proves to the officer's satisfaction that the applicant has a direct interest in the deceased's death, regardless of the applicant's kindred relationship to the deceased.

In instances where a local health officer provides a death certificate with a cause of death to a party that under the bill would not be entitled to such information, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) would take remedial action against the local health officer, which is current practice of the ISDH.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures*.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** ISDH.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local health departments.

**Information Sources:**

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